NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

C-361 Cypress Branch Calcasieu R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on June 24, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately seven (7) miles southeast of Gardner, LA in T3N R3W, Sections 25 & 36; T3N R2W, Sections 19, 30-31; T2N R2W Section 6 of Rapides Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 1558 acres, of which an estimated 728 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains eleven (11) Payment Units, nine (9) of which are marked thinning units (Payment Units (PU) 1-7, 10-11) and two of which are marked clear-cuts (PU's - 8 & 9). There **are** RCW trees in PU-1,3,6,&11 where the logging season will be restricted to the period outside the RCW nesting season, which is March 1 – June 30. In PU-5, 10, & 11, no stream crossings will be allowed in order to protect the Louisiana Pearlshell Mussel. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2017**.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 8.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of \$3,153.35.

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 3.35 miles of Forest Service Road 240, prior to hauling. The work includes placing 616 cubic yards of pit run on this road. A cost allowance of **\$12,861.54** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of \$1.12 per CCF (approximately \$6,393.27) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,489.57 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 11, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet. Along Hwy 488, within a 50' distance from the edge of the clearing limits, all slash must be lopped and scattered to lie within 2' of the ground.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.